

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application.

Claim 1 was amended and claims 2-20 were added to more accurately recite the novel features of the present invention. Any change in claim scope was not made to overcome a pending rejection.

Amended as now-proposed, the application is believed to be in condition for Examiner's early examination and consideration for allowance. Such early action is earnestly solicited.

If any issue arises, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of this application, the Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at [rkelly@novakov.com](mailto:rkelly@novakov.com).

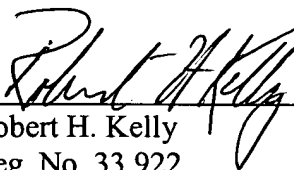
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**AMENDMENTS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

Claim 1 was amended herein as follows:

1           1.       (amended) For use in a communications system, a system for extending the range  
2 of a wireless headset comprising:  
3                   a phone;  
4                   a wireless headset associated with said phone, said wireless headset capable of  
5 communicating directly with said phone utilizing a wireless communications protocol having a  
6 distance limit;  
7                   a communications system; and  
8                   a plurality of access points each coupled to said communications system at one of  
9 a plurality of dispersed locations, [each access point capable of selectively  
10                   emulating said phone utilizing said communications protocol,  
11                   emulating said headset utilizing said communications protocol  
12                   communicating with said phone within said finite distance from said phone  
13 utilizing said communications protocol,  
14                   communicating with said headset within said finite distance from said headset utilizing  
15 said communications protocol, and  
16                   interfacing with said communications system,]  
17 wherein said access points are capable of selectively establishing a communications path within  
18 said communications system between an access point emulating said phone and an access point  
19 emulating said headset[, if necessary,] to provide communications between said phone and said  
20 headset when said phone and said headset are separated by a distance greater than said distance  
21 limit.